(c) what are the reasons for non-withdrawal of these drugs for use in India;

(d) whether opinion was sought from experts for its continuity;

(e) if so, the names of those experts and opinion of each along with the basis and justification expressed in support of the opinion; and

(f) the names of other drugs being marketed for same diseases alongwith indication, efficacy, safety and contra-indication of each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A statement showing the names of drugs and combinations marketed in India and other countries and which have been withdrawn in some countries along with the reasons for withdrawal is annexed [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 29.]

(c) The expert bodies consulted considered these drugs useful under local disease conditions or did not consider that the drugs pose any problem of adverse reaction in Indian population and some were drugs of choice in certain disease conditions.

(d) and (e) Expert bodies like Indian Council of Medical Research, Indian Medical Association, India Diabetic Association and experts belonging to concerned disciplines were consulted for allowing continued marketing of these drugs.

(f) Most of the drugs, presumably under question belong to the family of anti-diarrhoeal, anti-diabetic, anti-rheumatic and anti-pyretic and several drugs are available for the treatment of same diseases/conditions. It is for the medical experts to decide which member of the theraputic family would suit for the treatment of his patient. Member drugs under one therapeutic family are not necessarily a substitute for each other.

Grounding of Boeing 747 Aircraft of Air-India

592. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Boeing 747 aircraft of Air India have been grounded;

(b) if so, what is the number of aircraft that have been grounded; and

(c) what steps have been taken to repair these aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Of the nine Boeing 747 aircraft with Air India, two are presently in the hanger undergoing periodic inspection.

Revenue earned by Air India

593. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Air India on its flights from London to different destinations in India during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been fall in the revenue; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The revenue earned by Air India on its flights from London to various destinations in India during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 was Rs. 29.90 crores, Rs. 32.41 crores and Rs. 35.91 crores, respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.